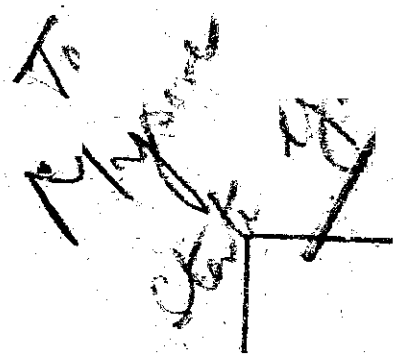

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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FOR MYSORE STATE

Revenue Department

(CNo 35647H/47-6-748. (C.B.E No. 47/48)

Memo No 38647H/48 dated 8-7-48

Irrigation – Minor (Bellary) Kudiligi Tq – Choranur village – Tank – Supply channel – Closure of the breach – Complaint of the Mysore State

Memorandum No 957H/47-6 dated 20.1.48

~~The attention of the Board of Revenue is invited to the Memorandum quoted above~~ The Board of Revenue is requested to state when the report called for in the Memo may be expected.

To,

The Hon'ble Revenue Minister

Madras

Sir,

HON'BLE MINISTER FOR REVENUE
3 - AUG 1949
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Irrigation-Inter-Bellary Dt-Kudligi Tq-Chornur Vge-Chornur Tank-Voddarakatta Tank-Source of supply-Kattu-Kalava-Breached-Urgent repairs-Requested-Cultivation-Food Grain Crops-"Grow More Food Grains Campaign".

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
4 AUG 1949
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Chornur Village has two tanks (one) Chornur Tank (six months tank-Ayacut 200 acres) (two) Voddarakatta Tank (four months tank-Ayacut 100 acres). The entire rain water of the many hill ranges under the big forest area of seliyappanahalli village ( ) forms in to a good vanka and flows to Chornur Tank.. Between Chornur and seliyappanahalli Villages, there is Buddenhalli Village which now belongs to Mysore State. The Vanka feeding the Chornur tank flows through the limits of this Buddenahalli village. Within this village limit there are big stone embankments on either side of the vanka for about a distance of four furlongs to prevent the flow of the vanka water in to the sides slopes so that the entire water may flow direct to Chornur tank. The local name of this stone embankment is " Chornur Katta-Kalava" . This kalava must have been constructed some centuries back by the then Government and at any rate not by the Mysore Government. The tope details of this kalava are seen in the village map of Buddenahalli village and among the records and plans of the Collector' Office. The entire water of this kalava feeds the Chornur tank from time immemorial. Minor repairs (removal of Jungle growth and closing the holes in the embankment etc) were done by the wet Ayacutdars of the Chornur tank. The Mysore Government and the Ryots of Buddenahalli village have no manner of any rights over the kalava and the embankment.

At the stone embankment the vanka water coming from higher to lower level flows with force. To the north of this embankment the lands of the Mysore State slope towards the north. At some distance from the embankment there is a kunta belonging to one

Mr. Ramachandramao. The rain water of the surrounding areas is collected in the kunta and Ramachandrarao utilises this kunta water for fourteen acres of wet lands.

The katta kalava stone embankment breached some five or six years back and the water of the vanka naturally flowed in to the side kuntas of Ramachandrarao. The Chornur tank did not get any supply from this vanka and katta kalava. On representation the Tahsildar Kudligi had an estimate prepared for about Rs 500/- and gave the work on contract to one Sarana Gud of Chornur village. Repairs to the work were completed. Ramachandrarao who was using the katta kalava water for all the 5 or 6 years extended the cultivation of the irrigated crops to about 30 acres (14 acres wet lands, 16 acres dry lands). When the contractor restored the embankment of the katta kalava Ramachandrarao was illegally utilizing the water of the katta kalava broke open the stone embankment. This matter was reported to the police and they investigated into this case.

The further action taken by the police is not known. The contractor who completed the repairs has not been paid. The Government have been spending large sums over several objects and irrigation schemes but they have taken no steps so far to restore the embankment and the katta kalava feeding the Chornur tank. The Collector and the P.W.D. Engineer, Bellary inspected the locality. Subsequently, the R.D.O. Hospet in the company of the Mysore State Officers inspected the areas and held joint enquiry. The Mysore authorities admitted that the entire katta kalava in the stone embankment belong to our Government that the katta kalava is the main feeder to the Chornur tank and the Mysore Government have no Right over it. However, they requested the R.D.O. Hospet to leave some quantity of water to the kunta of Ramachandrarao to enable him to raise irrigated crops on excess area of 16 acres of dry lands. The entire correspondence is still pending in the Collector's Office.

Evidently, on account of some reference to the P.W.D., the Supervisor and the M.I.O. K.L.E. took levels of Chornur tank alone and they seem to have reported that some water might be left

left to to Ramchandrarao's kunta. Those Officers have totally ignored the voddarakatta tank irrigating an area of 100 acres. The action and the report of these Officers are not quite straight forward. The entire water fut of the katta kalava is required to irrigate 300 acres (200 plus 100) of wet lands of Chornur vge. Some Officers appear to be under the misapprehehsion that the permission of the Mysore Government is necessary to repir this channal because it is in the Mysore State limits. This is quite unnecessary. The rainy season has step in and heavy rains are expected. This is proper season to conserve water in the two tanks to enable us to grow food. grain crops under the "Grow More Food-Grain Campain' On the wet lands under the two tanks. So we request that the Collector will be pleased to personally inspect the locality and issue urgent orders to repair the stone embankment and restore the katta kalava."

Place: Chorauur

Date : 1-8-49.

Yours faithfully.

H. Channabasavana Gouda

T. Siddalingayya

M. Basavaraj

G. R. Ramachandra setty

C. T. Hulleppa

C. K. Ramachar.

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Satima Hau

Hammamulagutta

Pl. issue with send
16/8/49

Pl 2-4 cf

To
The Board of Rev (LR)
(with a copy of the petition on pp 2-4 cf).

Revenue dept

Memo No. 38647H/48-10 dated 16.8.49.

Irrigation - (Bellary) - Kudligi taluk - Choranur village tank - Supply channel - closure of the breach - complaints.
petition from the ryots of Choranur village, dated 1.8.49.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks in continuation of Memo. No. 38647 H/48-1 Rev. dated 8-7-1949.

13.8.49.

Note: ~~Please see the petition from the ryots of choranur village on pp 2-4 cf. A report from the Board of Revenue, in this regard, is~~

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~~awaited~~* ~~The petition of appellants may also~~ now received,
~~be referred to the Board of Revenue for~~
~~remarks. Draft memo overleaf is for~~
~~approval.~~

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13.8.49.

* Ref. letter dated
on 6.8.49 - (Vide p/18)

PERSONAL ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
14 OCT 1949
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

Subject;

IRRIGATION--(Bellary)--Kudligi Taluk--Choranur village tank--Supply channel closure of breach--Remarks submitted.

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Mis. 1166 /49

Madras. Dated 14th October 1949

Sri N. [illegible], B.A.,
Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sri M.R.S. Sattianathan, I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Commercial Taxes.

Read: From the Collector of Bellary, D.Dis.No.8111/46 A2dated 10-5-1948.
From the Government, Revenue Department, Memorandum No.38647-H/48-1 dated 8-7-1949.
From the Government, Revenue Department, Memo.No.38647 H/48/-10 dated 16-8-49.

RESOLUTION:

Submitted to the Government.

2. The Collector of Bellary has reported in his letter D.Dis. 8111/46 A2 dated 10-5-1948 certain conclusions that were tentatively arrived at at a conference of the Officals of the Madras and Mysore Governments. The Executive Engineer has also reported that the proposals are technically feasible.

3 With reference to the petition dated 1-5-1949 from the ryots of Choranur village for-warded with the Government Memorandum No.38647 H/48-10 dated 16-8-1949, the Board submits that the ryots will be agreable to a solution on the basis of the conclusions reported at the joint conference referred to above. Any repair or improvement to the channel can be done only after an amicable settlement is reached with the Mysore Government. The Board therefore recommends that the tentative conclusions reported by the Collector of Bellary may be accepted, and that it may be ascertained from the Mysore Government whether they are also acceptable to them.

(True Extract)

for Joint Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras.
Copy to the Collector of Bellary.

nedr.14-10.

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Copy of letter D.Dis.8111/46 A.2 dated 10-5- 1948 from the Collector of Bellary, addressed to the Secretay, Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sub: As above.
Ref: B.P.Rt. 824/48 dated 17-2-1948.

1 According to the Board's orders cited above a joint inspection of Choranur tank with the Dy. Commissioner Chittaldrug Mysore State, his technical advisers, and the Executive Engineer, Bellary was arranged to take place on 3-3-1948. I could not attend the joint inspection as I had to rush up to Adoni side on the night of 2-3-48 on receipt of an urgent report about some Hyderabad border troubles and could return to Bellary only on the evening of 3-3-48. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Hospet was therefore requested to attend the joint inspection with the Dy. Commissioner. As the permanent Executive Engineer had gone away on Medical leave from 1-3-48, the Sub Divisional Officer attended the Joint inspection. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Hospet the Sub Divisional Officer, Hospet and the Dy. Commissioner Chittaldrug with his two Engineers attended the Joint inspection. The ryots of Choranur village of Kudligi taluk and of Bommagatta of Mysore state who are insterested in the affair were present. The following facts were revealed during the joint inspection.

inspection.

The ryots of Bommagatta village (Mysore state) urged that there used to be a surplus escape of rough stone dry-packing at the site of the breach of to feed the Marinamadugu Kunta and Seenappa Kunta of Mysore state which are situated lower down the breach. From the records of the Mysore state it was seen that the registered ayacut under the above two kuntas were 7 acres and 12 acres respectively, while the actual irrigation was less than half the extent. The Choranur ryots contended that the bund was in tact, that there was never a surplus escape at the site of the breach and that all water in the supply channel flowed un-interruptedly to Choranur tank before the breach occurred.

On a close inspection on ground it was found by the Revenue Divisional Officer that there was no clear-cut surplus channel course from the alleged site of surplus escape to the foreshore of Marinamadugu Kunta which is next lower to the site. Only some loose stones and boulders were found at the site of the breach. As a result of the breach of the supply channel all water escaped into Marinamadugu kunta (Mysore state) resulting in the breach of the base of its bund as it was too small to hold the water coming from the breach. The village plans of Mysore state do not show any surplus channel course from the site of the breach to the next lower kunta, (i.e. Marinamadugu). All these clearly indicate that the supply channel was never meant to feed the tanks in Mysore State, that it was only meant for Choranur tank and that even if there had been a surplus escape, it could be only a precarious source of supply to the tanks in Mysore state.

The main point raised by the Executive Engineer, Mysore state was that according to their records the tanks in question (Marinamadugu kunta and Seenappa kunta) should have a catchment area of 1½ Sq. miles that their present area avaiable is much less, that there is no other source of supply for those tanks and that they are therefore entitled for a portin of the water from the channel in dispute. The requirements of Mysore state are 16 units of water for the two tanks and they would be satisfied if arrangements are mad to supplement the water obtainable from the present catchment area of the kunta with water from the supply channel to make up 16 units.

The following Conclusions were tentatively arrived at subject to technical scrutiny and approval by the two Governments.

(1) That water should freely flow through the supply channel to Choranur tank without any obstruction in the bed of the channel.

(2) That a surplus excape be constructed on the bund of the channel at a height to be settled by technical men.

(3) That the Choranur ryots should be allowed to repair the breach up to the height of the surplus escape.

The ryots of Choranur categorically deny the existence of any surplus escape in the bund. The request of the Mysore state can however be complied with, as it is a small matter especially in view of the fact that most of the water that flows through the channel is drawn from Mysore state territory basin and that the bund of the tank lies in Mysore state. We have however to ensure that only water sufficient to fill up the two tanks is allowed to flow at the surplus escape. The views of the Mysore Government on the inspection by the Dy. Commissioner Chittaldrug may kindly be obtained.

In G.O.Ms.No.559 Confdl. P.W.D. dated 18-2-48 a special Dy. Collector has been appointed for investigation of cases of abstraction of waters by Mysore and consequent deficient supplies to the Madras Irrigation works. This is a fit case to be examined by him. If any further investigation is required in the matter he may be asked to take it up.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, Bellary and Revenue Divisional Officer, Hospet, for information.

/True Copy/

for Joint Secretary.

Revenue Department.

Letter No. 38647 H/48-/3 , dated 15/12/48

To

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Public Works Department,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

Irrigation - Minor - (Bellary) - Kudligi taluk - Choranur village - Supply channel - Closure of breach.
Ref: This Government letter No. 957 H/47-7, Revenue, dated 20-1-1948.

In continuation of this Government's letter quoted above, I am to state that the joint inspection referred to in ~~this Government's~~ that letter was held on 3-3-1948. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Hospet and the Sub-Divisional Officer, Hospet of the Madras Government and the Deputy Commissioner, Chittaldrug and two Engineers of the Mysore Government participated in the joint inspection. The ryots of Choranur of this Province and those of Bommagatta of the Mysore State were also present during the joint inspection. The following conclusions were tentatively arrived at by the officers after the joint inspection, subject to technical scrutiny and approval by the two Governments:-

(1) that water should freely pass through the supply channel to the Choranur tank without any obstruction in the bed of the channel,

(2) that a surplus escape be constructed on the bund of the channel at a height to be settled by technical ~~men~~ authorities of both the Governments, and

(3) that the Choranur ryots should be allowed to repair the breach upto the height of the surplus escape.

2. This Government accept the tentative conclusions referred to above. I am to ~~request~~ inquire ~~that~~ whether they are acceptable to the Govt of Mysore ~~the concurrence of the Mysore Government for the concession may be obtained and communicated to this Govt. so that~~ further action may be taken by this Government for implementing

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conclusions.

SM
8/11/49.
By
8-11-49

16/11/49

Copy to the Bd. of Rev. (L.R.).

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. PW 818-19/PW 88-47. **General and Revenue Secretariat,**

Dated Bangalore, 4/5/1950

FROM

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
~~*His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,*~~
Public Works Department.

To

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue Department,
M a d r a s.

SIR,

Irrigation - Minor (Bellary) - Kudligi Taluk, Choranur village - Supply channel - closure of breach.

I am directed to refer to your letter No.38648-H/48-13 dated 15-12-1949 and that of even number dated 22nd March 1950 on the above subject, and to state that it has been reported that the area regarding which the dispute between the ryots of Bellary District and the ryots of Molakalmuru Taluk had arisen, has been now transferred to Kudligi Taluk of Bellary District as an enclave from 25th January 1950. I am therefore to add that further correspondence in the matter between the Government of Madras and the Government of Mysore seems unnecessary.

Yours faithfully,

For Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

TSRN.

Rev dept.

Memo No. 38647H/48-19 dated 12-7-50

Irrigation - Minor - (Bellary) - Kudligi Taluk - Chowanur village - Supply channel - Closure of breach.

Ref: From the Govt of Mysore, letter No. Pwn. 818-19/ Dorn. 88-47 dated 4-5-50

A copy of the letter from the Govt. of Mysore quoted above is forwarded to the Board of Revenue (LR) with reference to this Govt's letter No. 38647 H/48-3 dated 15/12/49 to the Govt of Mysore, a copy of which was sent to the Board. The Board is requested to take

~~necessary~~ Noted

necessary action for ~~implementation~~ ~~of the Conclusions referred to in this letter~~ letter implementing the conclusions referred to in the Govt's letter ~~to the Govt. of Mysore~~ ~~The Board of Rev~~ (LR) with a copy of P.11 CF and (WE) PL 19/7 X bhs-10 c.n.

by 9.55

By 10-5-50

Noted 8.7.50

Revenue Department.

Irrigation - (Bellary) - Kudligi Taluk - Choranur village tank - Supply channel - Closure of breach.

To the Board of Revenue, Memo. No. 38647 H/48-1, Revenue, dated 8-7-1948.
From the ryots of Choranur, petition, dated 1-8-1949.
To the Board of Revenue, Memo. No. 38647 H/48-10, Revenue, dated 16-8-1949.
From the Board of Revenue, Ms. 1166/49, dated 14-10-1949.

To A.S.

--This file relates to a dispute between the Madras and Mysore ryots regarding the closure of a breach to the supply channel of the Choranur tank in Choranur village, Kudligi Taluk, Bellary district. For the previous facts of the case, please see the letter of the Collector of Bellary and the Board's Proceedings on pp. 7-10 C.F. of Letter No. 957 H/47-7, Revenue, dated 20-1-1948. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ In Memo. No. 957 H/47-6, Revenue, dated 20-1-1948, the Board of Revenue was asked to issue necessary instructions to the Collector of Bellary to inspect the spot in question along with the officers of the Mysore Government and the Executive Engineer, Bellary and to report in due course the results of the compromise arrived at. The Mysore Government were also informed of the position.

2. The Collector of Bellary has ~~since represented~~ now reported that the joint inspection was held on 3-3-1948. The Collector's letter on pp. 7-8 C.F. explains the results of the joint inspection. In the circumstances stated in that letter, the Board of Revenue recommends that the tentative conclusions arrived at between the officers of the Madras and Mysore Governments ~~at~~ after the joint inspection held on 3-3-1948, which are stated at 'X' on p. 8 C.F. may be accepted and that it may be ascertained from the Mysore Government whether the conclusions are acceptable to them also. With reference to the Memo. on p. 5 C.F. the Board has reported that the ryots of Choranur will be agreeable to a solution on the basis of the conclusions reported at the joint conference and that any repair or improvement to the channel can be done only after an amicable settlement is reached with the Mysore Government.

3. The Board's recommendation at 'X' on plante ~~above~~ may be accepted and the Mysore Government addressed accordingly. Subject to orders, a draft letter is submitted for approval. ~~P.W.D. may see before issue.~~ The term used "technical men" in item (2) at 'X' on p. 8 C.F. apparently implies "technical officers of both the Govts." This has been made clear in the draft letter. P.W.D. may see before issue.

SM 3/11/49

Rev

S Mukherji 12/11/49 DS

16/11/49 PWD

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
17 NOV 1949
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Rev. No. 3864 49 H/1
16/11/49.

W.D.(F).

To AS.

The notes on pp 1-2 ante and the draft letter to the Govt of Mysore may be perused and the file returned to Rev dept.

[The C.E. has not been consulted in the matter. It is perhaps unnecessary since the S.E. was present at the joint inspection]

P 15/11/49

21.11.49

~~A.D.S.~~ 23.11.49

Rev

P.W. no no. 4876-B/49-1

Rev dept 24.11.49.

To AS

Please see the notes from plante. The draft letter below may now issue

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
14 DEC 1949
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Revenue Dept

Please see the notes from p. 1 ante; this Govt's letter to the Govt of Mysore on [illegible] cf and the reply of the Mysore Govt on p. 11 cf. In view of X on p. 11 cf, no further action is necessary in this file. The letter from the Govt of Mysore may be communicated to the Board for information and necessary action. The draft memo submitted below is for approval. Public (Pol) may see before issue. circulation.

[After issue, the papers may be stitched with 957H/47-7 dt 1.48]

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and the Board asked to take necessary action for implementing the conclusions referred to in their Govt's (X) letter dated [illegible]

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D.J.

Pub (Pol)
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Public (Pol) Dept.

Notes from p. 1 ante and the draft below may be perused. The file may be passed on to P.W.D.

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P.W.D (B)

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The notes from p. 1 ante and the draft memo below may be perused and the file returned to Rev.

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To AS

Rev Dept

Please see the notes from fr 3 ante.

~~The file may now be circulated to HM(LR) and (HM(P.W))~~ Finance have Not seen as intended. The file may now be sent to Finance.

By 10/6/50

By 14-6-50

By 15/6/50 file

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ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SECRETARY
16 JUN 1950
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Fin(Hlpc)

The marks from page 1 above, the letter from the Accountant Expts Asst. of Ryans on file and the draft memo. below may be issued: See pg

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ADDITIONAL ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
4 JUL 1950
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

To AS

Rev Dept

Please see the notes from fr 3 ante. The draft memo below may now issue.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
12 JUL 1950
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

HM(LR)

HM(P.W)

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